

BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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Sacramento, CA

March 2, 2011

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stan Dixon, Chairman
Pam Giacomini
Jim Ostrowski
Gary Nakamura
Bruce Saito
Mark Andre

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS ABSENT:

BOARD STAFF:

George Gentry, Executive Officer
Eric Huff, Executive Officer, Forester's Licensing
Chris Zimny, Regulations Coordinator
Linda Cano, Executive Assistant

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:

Ken Pimlott, Director (acting)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dixon called the March 2, 2011 meeting of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to order.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 03-11-01** **Member Giacomini moved to approve, with certain edits, the January and February 2011 minutes. Member Saito seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.**

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

- Announced the re-appointment of Member Andre to the Board.
- Chairman Dixon and Executive Officer Gentry met with Director Pimlott to discuss new developments coming from the administration relative to the realignment. (Refer to letter from Department of Finance).
- Director Pimlott, Executive Officer Gentry and Chairman Dixon discussed modifying the way committees meet. Details should be available to the Board members and staff by mid March.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – Ken Pimlott

- Cal Fire was taken out of the bulk of the realignment proposal. The complexity of making cuts and keep the integrity of the fire protection system was a major deciding factor.
- \$52 million from general fund that fund the six contract counties is being shifted to the tax proposal.
- Schedule A rates have been released to local government.
- Met with DFG, State Water Resources Control Board and the California Forestry Association to discuss timber harvest plan process efficiency.

REPORT OF THE REGULATIONS COORDINATOR-CHRIS ZIMNY

The Forest Legacy program regulatory adoption hearing is scheduled for the next Board meeting April 6, 2011.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Board received substantial support from Cal Fire regarding the realignment issue.

The Board will have a continuing role in the SRA, LRA and financial responsibility for fire protection. The Fire Plan that was adopted in 2010 covers the issues of local government interaction with the local units. There is a major constraint in the THP efficiency discussions due to DFG making cuts to timber program staff. They will not be able to offer a representative for VTAC.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Forest Practice – Mark Andre

No Action Items

Focused on Aspen Restoration package and Road Rules

Policy - Jim Ostrowski

No Action Items

Management – Gary Nakamura

No Action Items

Started review of the Jackson Advisory Group recommendations. Plan an increase on industrial timber management plan acreage.

Resource Protection - Pam Giacomini

No Action Items

RPC has completed a contract to fund the vegetation treatment program EIR. Doug Wickizer and staff will be moving it forward. Mr. Wickizer has a meeting with contractors on March 10.

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

California Oak Mortality Task Force (COMTF) – Katie Palmieri

Refer to COMTF report.

RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RMAC) Eric Huff

Request for reappointment of Edwin Anchordoguy to RMAC.

03-11-02 Member Giacomini moved to accept the re-appointment of Edwin Anchordoguy to RMAC. Member Ostrowski seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

MONITORING STUDY GROUP (MSG) George Gentry

Executive Officer Gentry suggested MSG and VTAC meld efforts.

PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS EXAMINING COMMITTEE – Eric Huff

- Qualification of 13 new applicants, there are a total of 32 applicants for the April 15, exam.
- Reviewed and approved draft RPF exam. One key feature to this exam is applicants will be allowed to substitute an additional essay response for the short answer section.
- There are 1,258 active RPF's and 77 active Certified Range Land Managers.
- There is a need to revise the program guidelines for the Certified Range Land Manager program.
- A number of inconsistencies were found between the Administrative Procedures Act and the Professional Forester's Law in the draft of CRM guidelines. The inconsistencies will be reviewed and worked through with the assistance of the Office of the Attorney General's counsel.
- John R. Mattel RPF 2159 voluntarily relinquished his license.
- The Examining Committee reviewed two drafts regarding changes to the Professional Foresters law, the process is on going.

Public Hearing: Hours of Work, Hours of Operation, and Log Hauling Exception, 2010

Chris Zimny gave the overview.

03-11-03 Member Nakamura moved to close public hearing. Member Ostrowski seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

03-11-04 Member Nakamura moved to approve Hours of Operation, and Log Hauling Exception, 2010. Member Andre seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Public Hearing: Special Conditions Requiring Disapproval of Plans, 2010.

Chris Zimny gave the overview.

03-11-05 Member Ostrowski moved to close public hearing. Member Andre seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

03-11-06 Member Ostrowski moved to approve Special Conditions Requiring Disapproval of Plans, 2010. Member Andre seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Public Forum

Chuck Ciano, refer to letter in binder.

Bill Key, **CLFA**, is working on legislation to improve NTMP. CLFA Conference the week of March 1, 2011.

Richard Geinger, Department of Fish and Game survey crews found adult Coho in the North Fork.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the March 2, 2011 meeting of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,



George D. Gentry
Executive Officer

ATTEST:



Stan Dixon
Chairman

Copies of the attendance sheets can be obtained from the Board Office.